(b) the number out of them who are advisers to the Ministers;

(c) their names with their present posting;

(d) whether they hold other postings as well besides being advisers; and

(e) if so, the details of postings alongwith their designation, and the age of the concerned officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases Pending with CBI

3117. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in case filed nearly three decades ago, the CBI could examine only two witnesses till 23 November, 2006 despite being allotted 57 dates and in March 2007, in the absence of any prima facie evidence compelled CBI court to discharge the accused persons in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the reasons for undue delay on the part of CBI;

(c) how many cases are pending with CBI for investigation and since when;

(d) whether Government would fix time limit for the investigation; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The case in RC. 11(A)/74/ACB Kolkata against one Bill Clerk of State Bank of India, Stand Road Branch, Kolkata and two private persons has been discharged by the Ld. 3rd Spl. Judge, Bankshall, Kolkata on 06.03.2007. The aforesaid case had been charge sheeted on 15.12.1978. The public servant involved in the above said case, subsequently died and the charge against him abated on 22.4.2003. The case went through

protracted trial due to the repeated Revision Petitions filed by the accused in Kolkata High Court.

(c) As on 31.03.2007, 1474 cases were under investigation as per details below:—

(i)	For less than 1 year	832 cases
(ii)	More than 1 and less than 2 years	477 -do-
(iii)	More than 2 and less than 5 year	156 -do-
(iv)	More than 5 years	9 -do-

(d) and (e) CBI endeavours to complete investigation in all cases at the earliest.

SC/ST IAS officers working as Directors

3118. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SC/ST officers belonging to the IAS working as Directors;

(b) the number of those who have not been empanelled as JS although their batches have been empanelled and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such officers who have adverse CRs, vigilance reports or other factors making them unfit for empanelment and the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for not empanelling the remaining Directors, who are otherwise fit, to the post of JS; and

(e) by what time Government propose to empanel the fit officers as JS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) There are 36 SC/ST officers belonging to the IAS who are working as Directors under the Government of India.

(b) and (c) Out of the 36 officers mentioned in reply to Part (a), 10 officers have not been empanelled as Joint Secretary although their batches have been empanelled. Of these 10 officers, 3 have not yet been considered